

Hayman appointed chief of Ravenswood schools

Warren Hayman, a former principal of Costano School, was appointed superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District by three new trustees and Board President Robert Hoover on Wednesday night.

Hayman will receive \$30,000 annually with a two-year contract. A performance evaluation and salary review will be undertaken by the board at the end of each year.

He was appointed at the meeting of the board at Garden Oaks School in East Palo Alto. The district serves schools in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.

Hayman had considerable vocal support from parents and teachers in the district. He has been the acting superintendent since John Minor resigned Oct. 1 to join a Palo Alto consulting firm.

The appointment of John Cleveland, urban education director at San Diego State University, earlier in the year to the superintendent post caused a furor in the district.

Many residents supported Hayman because of his experience in the Ravenswood district. He is a Stanford University graduate who taught in the Palo Alto Unified School District be-

Hoover heads board again

Robert Hoover was renamed board president for the Ravenswood City School District on Wednesday night.

The district serves East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. It includes about 4,500 students.

The meeting was held at Garden Oak School, 2033 Pulgas Ave., in East Palo Alto.

Barbara Hatton, elected to the board in April, was elected clerk of the board. She is a teacher.

fore accepting the post of principal at Costano in 1968.

Three members of the board of trustees for the district chose not to run for second terms at the height of the controversy over Cleveland's appointment. They were Gerald Marer, Betty Johnson, and Doris Landman.

The three and trustee Syrtiller Kabat supported the appointment of Cleveland.

Board President Robert Hoover dissented in favor of Hayman.

The board agreed to reconsider the appointment of Cleveland after a confrontation with 700 angry Hayman supporters in March. Earlier, a school boycott kept about half of the district's 4,500 students home for one day.

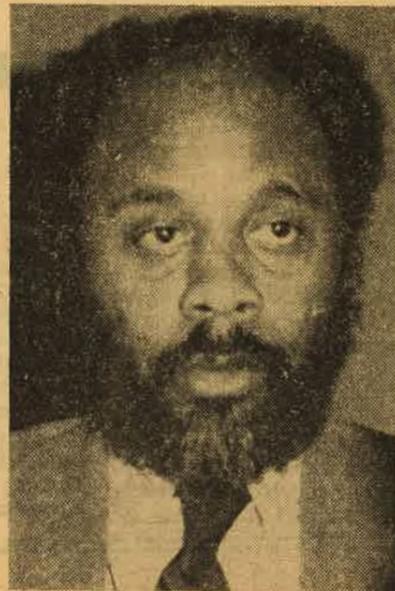
In the elections of the board, the Rev. James Daniels, Mrs. Mavis Knox, and Miss Barbara Hatton, running on pro-Hayman platforms, won out.

Shortly thereafter, Cleveland, who had signed a \$30,000 per year, four-year contract, submitted his resignation. He said he was unable to reach a meeting of the minds with the newly elected board members.

The board now will begin the search for an assistant superintendent.

Marer, one of the just-retired trustees, rapped Hayman's appointment today. He said the new board "has appointed the man who is directly responsible for the disastrous test results in reading, math and language—results that showed a drop from last year to this in almost every grade level."

Last year, Marer said, Hayman was the head of curriculum and "There has been a terrible decrease in the success of our children, contrary to a lot of misinformation a lot of people have been giving out." He complained that at the last meeting the new board approved "\$21,000 to fill holes in driveways when the greatest need is to fill holes in the educational program."



WARREN HAYMAN

Mrs. Kabat resigns as trustee

Mrs. Syrtiller Kabat, a trustee for the Ravenswood City School District, has resigned in a letter to the San Mateo County superintendent of schools, Board President Robert Hoover confirmed Wednesday night.

Mrs. Kabat was absent from Wednesday's board meeting at Garden Oaks School in East Palo Alto.

Hoover said she was not required by law to submit her resignation directly to the board.

Mrs. Kabat was elected to a four-year term in 1971. In May of this year, however, she announced plans to resign.

At that time she said she was the only member of the new board whose emphasis was quality education. Mrs. Kabat and three board members (who announced in February they would not seek re-election) supported John Cleveland for superintendent of the district.

They were opposed by Hoover, who supported Warren Hayman, the acting superintendent, for the post. Hayman also had considerable community support.

The three board members who did not seek re-election were Gerald Marer, Betty Johnson and Doris Landman.

Cleveland, an urban education director for San Diego State University, resigned after the April elections because the three new trustees supported Hayman.

On Wednesday night, the newly organized board appointed Hayman as superintendent.

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